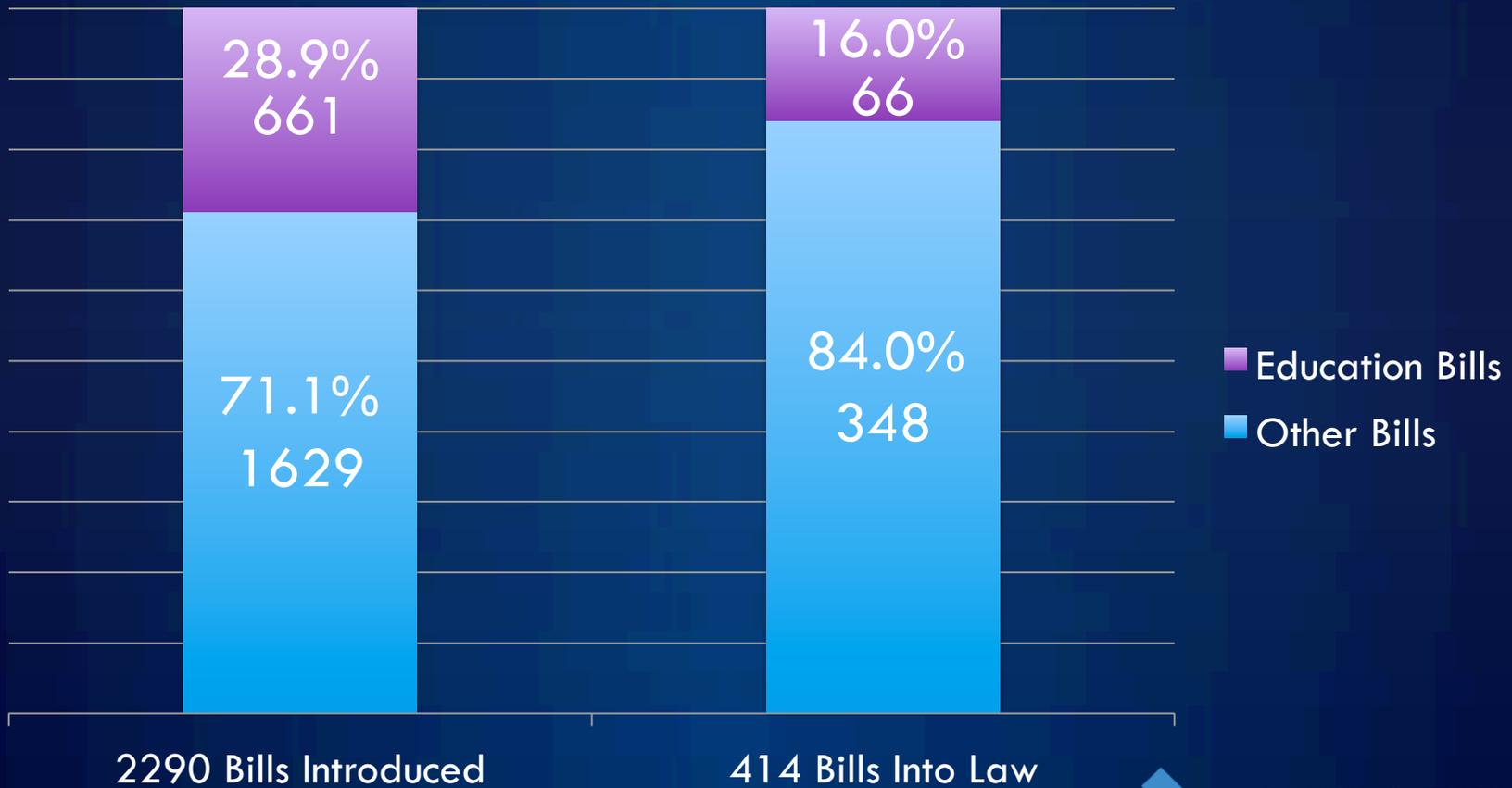


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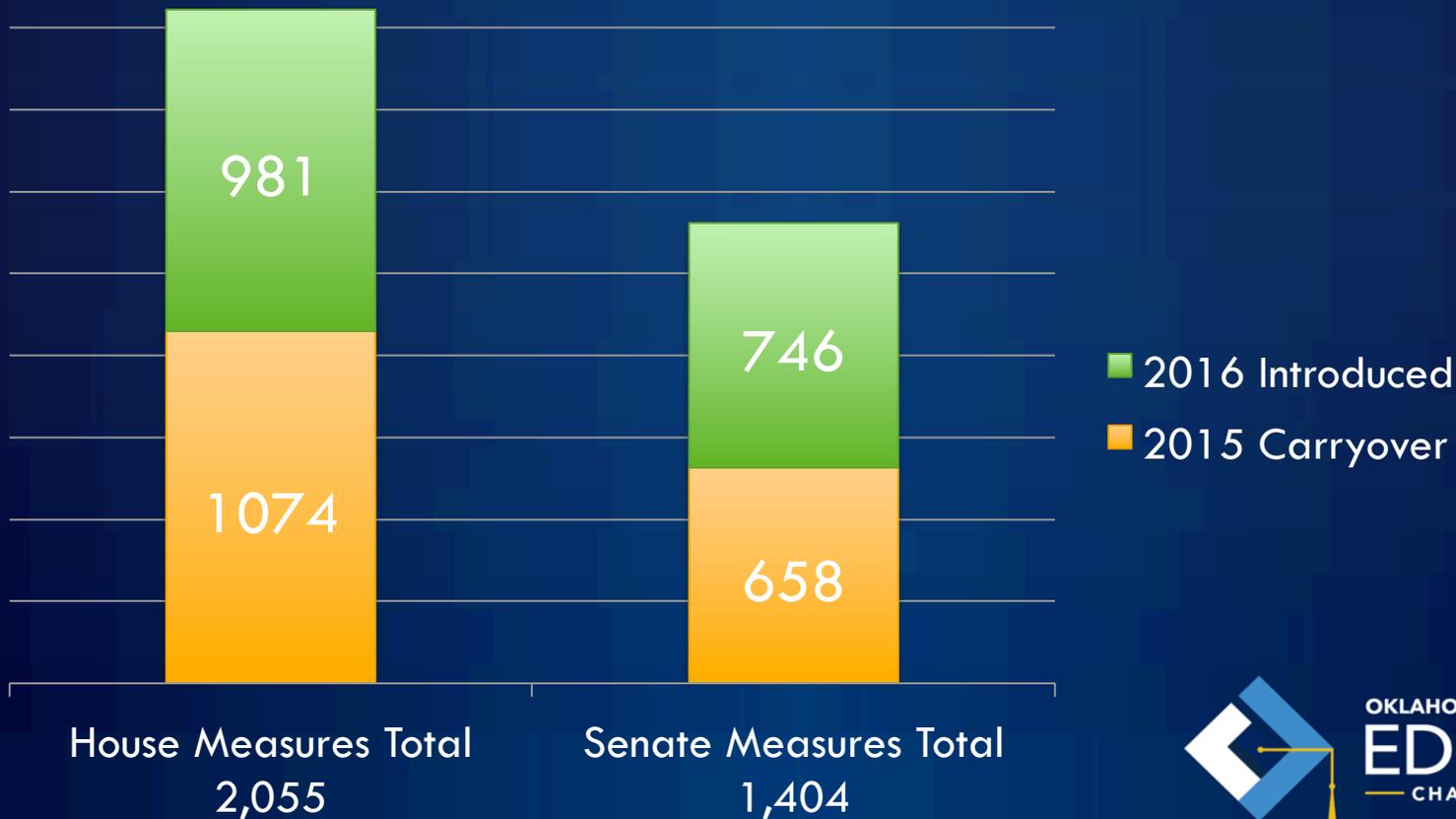
2015 Bill Statistics

Total Bills Introduced Last Year: 2,290



2016 Bill Statistics

Total Carryover Bills: 1,732
Total Bills Newly Introduced: 1,727
Total Bills: 3,459



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Legislative Deadlines

- January 21 – Bill Introduction Deadline
- February 1 – Session Convenes
- Late February – Bills Reported out of Committee
- March 10 – Third Reading of Bills
- April 1 – Fully Fund Common Education (62 OS 34.86)
- Early April – Bills Reported out of Committee (opposite chamber)
- April 21 – Third Reading of Bills (opposite chamber)
- May 27 – Sine Die

Bill Trends

- Budget
 - apportionments, tax credits
- Teacher Shortage
 - teacher pay, task force recommendations, recruitment, incentives
- School Consolidation
 - superintendents, small schools, elementary districts
- Student Discipline
- Testing
- TLE



OSDE Focus

- Joint Resolution to approve standards
- Budget and flexibility for districts
- Teacher Shortage and Teacher Pay
- No new mandates in times of budget crisis

